



Midway's Pan Project Resource Increases to More Than 1 Million Ounces of Gold White Pine County, Nevada

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Denver, Colorado – Midway Gold Corp. ("Midway" or the "Company") (MDW:TSX-V; MDW:NYSE-AMEX) announces an updated resource estimate that exceeds one million ounces of gold in the Measured and Indicated categories for the Pan Project, located 29 km southeast of Eureka, Nevada. The 1.13 million ounces of gold are contained in 37 million tonnes of 0.49 grams per tonne (gpt) gold in the Measured category and 43 million tonnes of 0.40 gpt gold in the Indicated category using a 0.14 gpt gold cutoff grade. This current gold resource remains open in multiple directions and additional exploration drilling is planned.

Ken Brunk, President and Chief Operating Officer of Midway said, *"Our Pan resource grew to over one million ounces due to expansion of the South Pan gold deposit by drilling in 2011 and modeling the mineralization in Central Pan (the area between North and South Pan). We expect this 19% increase in gold ounces will have a positive impact on our mine design at Pan. We are adjusting proposed pit configurations and the operating cost estimates to include these additional resources in the Feasibility Study which is currently in progress. This may extend the time to complete the Feasibility Study but is not expected to impact our planned 2013 production target date."*

Updated Resource Estimate, Pan Project, Nevada

Measured Resource			
Cutoff (gpt)	Tonnes	Grade (gpt)	Gold ounces
0.27	27,352,000	0.59	520,000
0.21	30,857,000	0.55	547,000
0.14	36,920,000	0.49	579,000
0.07	50,924,000	0.38	622,000

Indicated Resource			
Cutoff (gpt)	Tonnes	Grade (gpt)	Gold ounces
0.27	27,126,000	0.52	453,000
0.21	32,652,000	0.47	495,000
0.14	43,118,000	0.40	551,000
0.07	73,925,000	0.27	645,000

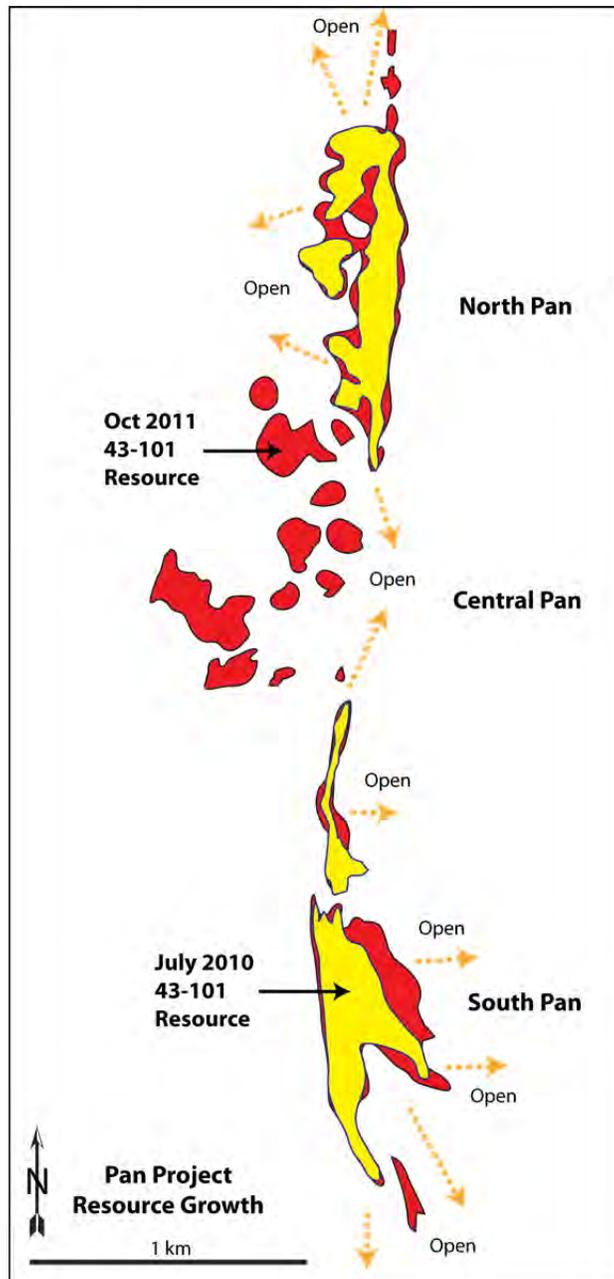
Measured Plus Indicated Resource			
Cutoff (gpt)	Tonnes	Grade (gpt)	Gold ounces
0.27	54,478,000	0.56	974,000
0.21	63,509,000	0.51	1,042,000
0.14	80,037,000	0.44	1,130,000

0.07	124,849,000	0.32	1,268,000
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Inferred Resource			
Cutoff (gpt)	Tonnes	Grade (gpt)	Gold ounces
0.27	1,771,000	0.58	33,000
0.21	2,229,000	0.51	37,000
0.14	3,928,000	0.36	45,000
0.07	9,693,000	0.20	63,000

Note: The tonnage and total ounces of gold were determined from the statistical block model. Average grades were calculated from the tonnage and total ounces and then rounded to the significant digits shown. Calculations based on this table may differ due to the effect of rounding.

To view a map of the 2010-2011 Resource Growth, please click on the following link: [INSERT LINK TO BELOW MAP](#)



This updated resource estimate includes all data available through August, 2011. The estimate has been prepared by Gustavson Associates, LLC of Lakewood, Colorado, under the direction of Ms. Terre A. Lane, an independent Qualified Person. All estimates were prepared utilizing standard industry software and resource estimation methodology. Further details will be available in a new NI 43-101 technical report, which will be posted on SEDAR (www.sedar.com), no later than 45 days from the date of this release. A Feasibility Study using the updated resource is currently in progress.

The Pan Project in White Pine County, Nevada is a bulk tonnage, Carlin-style, sediment-hosted gold deposit. The deposit remains open to the north, to the south, and at depth. Midway announced a Prefeasibility Study in April 2011. Using the earlier resource and a base case of \$1050/oz gold price, the project had an NPV of \$91 million and a 33% Internal Rate of Return.

Information in this release has been reviewed and approved by Ms. Terre A. Lane, Associate Principal Mining Engineer and Mr. Donald E. Hulse (P.E.), Vice President, Mining and Latin American Development, both of Gustavson, "qualified persons" as that term is defined in NI 43-101. This release has also been reviewed and approved for Midway by Mr. William S. Neal (M.Sc. and CPG), Midway's Vice President of Geological Services and a "qualified person" as that term is defined in NI 43-101.

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Kenneth A. Brunk, President, COO and Director

About Midway Gold Corp.

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